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SUBJ: NEW IRANIAN CONSUL GENERAL IN MILAN

1. MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS JUNE 19 ANNOUNCED THE APPOINTMENT OF FARAJ PANAHI AS CONSUL GENERAL IN MILAN. PANAHI HAS BEEN SERVING SINCE JANUARY 1976 AS DEPUTY CHIEF OF MISSION AT THE IRANIAN EMBASSY IN MEXICO CITY.

2. PANAHI, A CAREER DIPLOMAT, IS IN HIS MID-FORTIES. HE IS EXTREMELY WELL CONNECTED WITHIN GOI HAVING A SISTER, MARYAM, WHO IS THE WIFE OF HUSHANG ANSARY, THE HEAD OF NATIONAL IRANIAN OIL COMPANY. REPORTEDLY HE ALSO HAS CLOSE TIES TO FORMER FOREIGN MINISTER ARDESHIR ZAHEDI, CURRENTLY AMBASSADOR TO THE U.S. HIS FORMER AMBASSADOR IN MEXICO, HOSSEIN ESHRAGHI, IS NOW DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS (EUROPE AND AMERICA) IN MFA.

3. ANY ADDITIONAL COMMENT OR ASSESSMENT OF PANAHI'S PERFORMANCE FROM EMBASSY MEXICO CITY WOULD BE APPRECIATED.
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